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A South Vietnamese press spokesman claims the number of Communist attacks throughout the country remains high. The heaviest action is in the northernmost provinces and the central highlands.

The government's Military Region 2 command center at Pleiku city was hit by rockets today and government troops reportedly inflicted heavy casualties on North Vietnamese forces in an abandoned border outpost west of the provincial capital. Government troops retook the camp after heavy air and artillery strikes against the Communist units apparently trapped in the vicinity of the camp.

On Monday, Vietnamese Marines near Hue fought off Communist attacks claiming they inflicted heavy casualties.

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Cambodian army forces maintain the initiative in most battlefronts. Government clearing operations are continuing just southeast of Phnom Penh and along the lower stretches of the Mekong River. The only significant Khmer Communist attacks in the past few days have occurred in the far southwest. Government defenders have pulled back from several outlying positions around Kampot city in the face of harassing attacks and government positions at Kompong Seila on Route 4 remain the targets of steady shellings.

A civilian convoy carrying 5,000 tons of produce moved down the Tonle Sap River to Phnom Penh on July 15. It was the largest such convoy to reach the capital in several months.

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